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Field Crops Report

As of March 31, **alfalfa** harvest progress was reported as 48 percent not being harvested, 10 percent light, 17 percent moderate, and 25 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 14 percent poor, 24 percent fair, 49 percent good, and 13 percent excellent. **Alfalfa** sheeping off was reported as none to light.

Cotton planting is getting underway with 15 percent of the spring 2002 cotton crop being reported as planted.

As of March 31, 27 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 23 percent of **Winter Wheat**, 27 percent of **Barley**, and 25 percent of **Other Small Grains** were reported as headed.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 19 percent very poor, 39 percent poor, 38 percent fair and 4 percent good. **Livestock** were reported to be in good condition. **Stock Water** was reported as adequate. **Soil Moisture** was reported as short. **Insect Damage** was reported as light.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report

Producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, green onions, head lettuce, leaf lettuce, mixed greens, romaine and spinach last week.

Western Arizona producers shipped anise, bok choy, broccoflower, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, cilantro, endive, escarole, kale, mixed greens, napa, parsley, radicchio, salad savoy and spinach last week. Western lettuce shipments included boston, iceberg, leaf, romaine and spring mix.

Last week citrus producers in central Arizona harvested tangerines, lemons, grapefruit, valencias and navels, while western producers harvested tangerines, lemons, valencias, and grapefruit.

Weather Summary

Temperatures for most of the State were above average for the week ending March 30. Temperatures ranged from 1 degree below normal at Gila Bend, to 6 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 88 degrees at Safford, while the lowest reading was 20 degrees at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 8 of the 17 reporting stations. Precipitation ranged from 0.03 inches at Payson and Safford to 0.34 inches at Grand Canyon.

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Weather Information Table (temperatures, precipitation, and/or growing degree days)

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA
 FOR THE WEEK MARCH 24 TO MARCH 30, 2002**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	45	5	74	27	0.00	0.06	2.04
Casa Grande	62	0	85	41	0.05	0.39	2.28
Coolidge	60	2	85	41	0.00	0.23	2.54
Douglas	56	1	81	29	0.00	1.33	1.64
Flagstaff	37	5	66	21	0.34	0.48	6.61
Gila Bend	66	-1	85	45	0.00	0.08	1.81
Grand Canyon	37	6	67	20	0.20	0.79	4.40
Kingman	54	3	81	30	0.06	0.19	2.86
Parker	66	0	86	47	0.00	0.00	1.53
Payson	49	2	73	27	0.03	0.42	6.21
Phoenix	64	4	86	53	0.00	0.13	2.21
Prescott Airport	47	3	73	27	0.31	0.31	2.61
Safford Ag Center	57	2	88	33	0.03	0.19	1.84
Tucson	61	1	84	40	0.00	0.67	2.27
Willcox	54	3	83	30	0.00	0.82	2.22
Winslow	48	2	75	26	0.32	0.36	1.51
Yuma	67	0	87	48	0.00	0.00	0.78

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

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